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Tempo di Marcia.

f *ff*

Till ready.

pp

KEY Bb.

When wood - en walls and strain - ing sails bore Bri - tain's flag a -
And when the i - ron - clad re - placed the ships that caught the
And now that ev - 'ry cloud con - ceals a lurk - ing bird of

p

|| 1, : - | - : .l, | t, : - .t, | d : r | l, : - .l, | s, : la, |

- far, The Na - tion prospered well in peace and
breeze Bri - tan - nia still re - tained her throne up -
prey, Which threa - tens our su - pre - ma - cy in

|| t, : r | t, : l, | s, : - | - : s, | r : - .de | m : t, |

feared no foe in war, For Bri - tain's might was
- on the chart - ed seas, For frown - ing fleets and
peace and war to day, Bri - tan - nia must be

|| r : - .d | s, : se, | l : f | m : de | r : - | - : m |

ev - 'ry - where and ruled the end - less waves, Pro -
gi - ant guns out - numbered two to one The
e - qual to the per - il and pre - pare To

|| r : re | fe : - .m | t, : m | r : de | de : m | l, : - .t, | s, : - | - : s, |

- claim - ing to the world at large "we nev - er shall be slaves"
na - vies of all oth - er lands be - neath the sov'reign sun. Bri -
hold our Em - pire sa - cred from these dreadnaughts of the air.

"Britannia must rule the air."

L.W.C.^o

CHORUS.

|| m : r ., d | s, : l, | t, : - | : .t, | f : de | m : r | s, : - | - : s |

-tan-nia must rule the air, As still she rules the sea, To

p *f* *pp*

|| se, : - .l, | t, : m | m : - .ra | d : de | m : r | se, : l, | r : - | - : s, |

guard this realm be-yond compare And keep her peo-ple free. Bri-

f

|| m : - | f : de | m : - | r : - .l, | t, : - .t, | d : r | m : - | : m |

-tan-nia, Bri-tan-nia must like the ea-gle be; Bri-

1st & 2nd Verses.

|| f | m : - .l | m | r : - .r | m : d .r, m | r : - .d | d : - | - : s |

-tan-nia, Bri-tan-nia must rule both air and sea! Bri-

rall *en* *tan* *do.* *f*

D.C. S

After 3rd Verse. (Optional.)

|| l | s : - .m | s, | f : - .r | f : se | l, : - .s | d : - | - : |

-tan-nia, Bri-tan-nia must rule both air and sea.

rall *en* *tan* *do.* *fz*

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When you're a - lone, When years have flown,

p

ped. *

f rit. *accel e cres.*

When life's sun - shine is o'er, my own, - Then, as a dream,

f colla voce.

ped. * *ped.* * *ped.* *

f *mp*

True love will beam, — You'll sigh for me, You'll

f *mp* *colla voce.* *pp*

ped. * *ped.* *

rall. *p*

cry, may - be, When you're a - lone.

p

ped. * *ped.* *

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VERSE I.

The world seems sad, I sigh in vain
For one sweet word from you;
You seem so changed, your once bright eyes
Have lost their love-light too;
Some tempter, strong, with cruel tongue,
Has changed your thoughts of me:
But, in your heart, the truth shall reign
Some day, in years to be.

VERSE II.

I built my hopes on you, dear love,
You were my world, my all,
And, even though you bid me go,
You're mine—beyond recall;
Though earthly pleasures may console,
Your heart must soon despair,
And when the cloud of doubt has passed,
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